



# Holy Cross Province News

March 2022

## March Birthdays

- 13 Bruno D'Souza
- 25 Tu-Jin Paul Kim
- 26 Eric Meyer

## Ordinations

- 7 Nicholas Divine

### LOOKING FORWARD...

**March 13**  
Daylight Savings Time begins

**March 17**  
Feast of St. Patrick

**March 19**  
Feast of St. Joseph

**March 20**  
First Day of Spring

**March 25**  
The Annunciation of the Lord

## Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets via Zoom, March 21-22.
- Joe Moons, CP, will be at Sacred Heart Community in Louisville, Kentucky, March 23-30, for visitation.
- Cedric Pisegna, CP, will broadcast his Lenten episodes each week of Lent and on Easter Sunday on EWTN Saturdays at 11:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. The episodes will also air on TBN Sundays at 7:00 a.m. and Daystar at 1:00 p.m. [Note: all times are Eastern Time.] Cedric's book, *Your Best Lent Ever*, is available at [www.frcedric.org](http://www.frcedric.org).
- **Proclaiming Our Passionist Story (POPS)** has published six videos telling our Passionist Story and inspiring members of our Passionist Family. We are all keepers of the story – Paul Daneo's story, the Passionists' story and our Holy Cross Province's story, all unfolding within God's story. Visit our [website](#) to watch the videos.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center in Houston, Texas, is hosting its 26th Annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. More information will be available in the coming weeks. Check Holy Name's [website](#) for more information.

## Have a Blessed Lent

Visit our [website](#) during Lent and join our Passionist Family for prayers, meditations and weekly video reflections on the Scripture readings.



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## Let us Continue to Pray for Ukraine...

### *A Prayer for Ukraine*

Loving God,

At this time the world is carrying yet  
another cross in the war in Ukraine.

Just as Mary watched her Son die at Calvary,  
we again see too many of Your sons and daughters  
die in Ukraine, as they have died in so many parts of our world.

Our faith tells us that the Cross of  
Your Son led to His Resurrection.

Right now, it is hard for us to see resurrection in this conflict.  
It is as if we are in the tomb with Jesus on Holy Saturday,  
not yet able to see the light of Easter morning.

But we do know Easter will come!  
And so, we stretch out our hands to You.

Open our hearts to pray for the victims and  
the perpetrators of violence.

Give us what we need in the darkness to continue to witness  
to Your love and testify to the dignity of all Your children.

Give us the strength to bring healing to our world.  
Lead us by the light of Christ to work in hope for justice and peace.

And by Your grace may we see the dawn of Easter.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Father Phil Paxton, C.P.*



The Passionists of Holy Cross Province

## Friendship...

Many thanks to David and Lisa Gustman for their heartfelt hospitality. On Saturday, February 5, David and Lisa, long time supporters of Holy Cross Province, graciously invited some of our Chicago leadership to dine with them at Michigan Shores Club in Wilmette, Illinois, in a celebration of friendship and commitment to the Passionist charism.



(l-r): Angela Kwasinski, Lisa Gustman, Don Webber, CP,  
David Gustman and David Colhour, CP.

## Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center...

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center hosted its 2nd annual *Valentine's Day Dinner To-Go* event on February 14. It was a resounding success! Many thanks to Christ the King's chefs, Deanna Jensen and Anoud Zaki, who prepared the delicious meals. Retreat center staff and vowed Passionists greeted guests and delivered meals to their vehicles.



Jack Conley, CP, with one of the guests as she waits for delivery of her *Valentine's Day Dinner-To-Go*.



Jim Strommer, CP, with Rosalind Deutsch during the event.

## Solar Panels: Living into the *Laudato Sí* Action Platform...



Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, 45 solar panels have been installed on the carport at Sacred Heart Monastery in Louisville, Kentucky. Local Superior, John Monzyk, CP, was amazed at what only one hour of full sunshine could accomplish through these panels—the Monastery’s back-up batteries were fully charged!

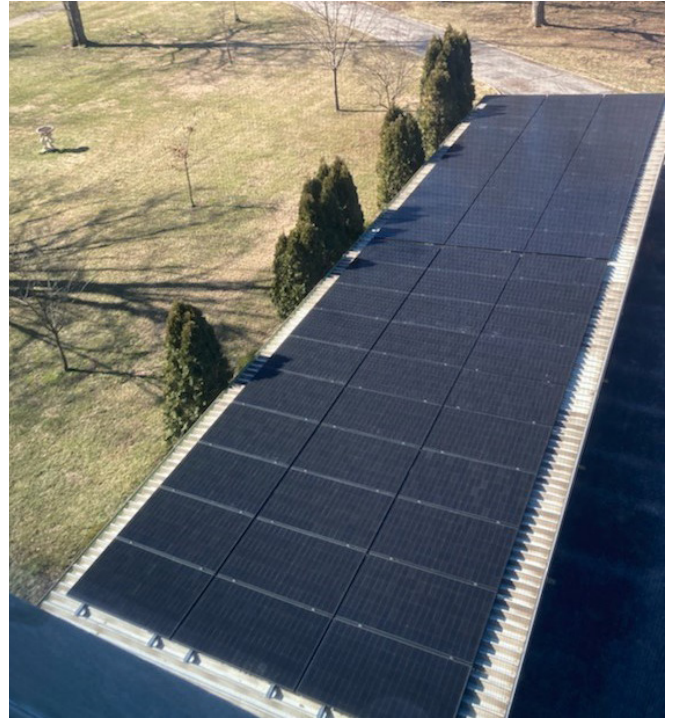
The panels are a visible witness of our Passionist Congregation’s commitment to the *Laudato Sí* Action Platform, inaugurated by the Vatican in 2021. The panels will contribute to keeping carbon pollution out of the atmosphere by reducing the amount of electricity which must be generated by fossil fuels for the Monastery’s consumption.

The benefit of the solar panels and the back-up batteries, is that the Monastery will have a reliable source of back-up emergency power in case of a power failure of the municipal utility.

There are many other ways we can lower our carbon footprints.

During Lent, why not fast to reduce carbon?

The Catholic Climate Covenant has a daily Lenten calendar with many ideas, in English and Spanish, that can be [downloaded here](#).



## Los Angeles Retreat Center Community...

As we approach our third Lenten season challenged by the limits called for in response to the pandemic, the Los Angeles Retreat Center Community (LARCC), which includes Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center, has collaborated to offer an online Lenten series that is free and open to all who wish to join.

The series, to be hosted weekly on Zoom, will include presentations, prayers and reflections on popular topics encountered during the Lenten spiritual journey.

The sessions will be one-hour in length, held weekly on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., PT. You can register online and attend any or all of the sessions. A registration link, as well as more information about the individual topics for each week can be found on Mater Dolorosa's [website](#).



## Passionist Earth & Spirit Center...

### **Interfaith Spirituality Series**

Next journey begins March 8

### **Interfaith Spirituality Series Part Two:**

*Cherokee History, Culture, Spiritual Beliefs and Practices*  
Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., ET., March 8, 15, 22 and 29.

This four-week course provides a window into Native American spirituality through an introduction to Cherokee traditions, past, present and future.

Instructor: Ken Phillips

### **Interfaith Spirituality Series Part Three: *Spiritual Guidance from Black Mystics***

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., ET., April 12, 19, 26 and May 3.

During this four-week course, participants will study and contemplate on the teachings of black mystics, practice meditation within an intimate learning community and reflect on their own and other's personal encounters with the Divine.

Instructor: Natasha Burrowes

For more information and to register, [click here](#).



## Passionist Alumni...A Force for Good...

When Passionist Alumnus Jack Dermody heard the Passionist Sisters at Colegio Guadalupe Pasionista in Agua Prieta, Mexico, needed a new roof, he sprang into action!

Between December 10, 2021 and February 13, 2022, Jack spearheaded a drive to raise funds with a goal of \$15,000 to help the Passionist Sisters fix the roof for Colegio Guadalupe Pasionista in Agua Prieta, Mexico. Thanks, once again, to the generosity of our Passionist Alumni, the projected goal was far exceeded. A few individuals also donated time and expenses beyond the financial goal. After the payouts to our football grand champion and a few fees to the GoFundMe site, our Passionist Sisters across the border have received over \$19,000!

Similar to the bicycle race held last year to raise funds for Hugo Esparza-Pérez, CP's, food ministry in Haiti, the Agua Prieta mission began on December 10 with a bicycle race. On a national launch via Zoom, alumnus Bob Duffield started everyone off in front of the San Diego Mission. Fourteen alumni walked, ran, or bicycled 552 miles in their hometowns as they completed a virtual pilgrimage from San Diego to Agua Prieta. Mike Kruger covered all of the website fees and he created over 20 postcards that described the historic missions we passed and much more. These alumni and their friends got the team halfway to the goal.

Clemente Barrón, CP, spoke to his brother Passionists in the Community at Mater Dolorosa, and said “the community had been blessed with some funds over the last year and they loved the idea of contributing it to their counterparts--the Passionist Sisters--just across the border.”

Super Bowl Weekend gave some of the Alumni the perfect opportunity to gather friends and contribute additional support for the Passionist Sisters. Jack and Rose Dermody hosted a house party with in-person and Zoom guests from around the country. The in-person and online guests enjoyed a riveting presentation by the Sisters, interpreted by Alfredo Ocampo, CP, and comedy stand-up by none other than alumnus Ray Alonzo. The guests themselves raised over \$2,000 that night and were matched by an anonymous alumnus from Ohio. Carl DeLage's party, victim of a COVID lockdown, collected \$500 from friends who were unable to be at the DeLage home in person.

Vowed Passionists were the big stars on Zoom. John Schork, CP, co-hosted and kept people entertained. Alfredo Ocampo, CP, interpreted between the Sisters and their audiences. Finally, the Sisters themselves shared an inspiring and motivating PowerPoint presentation. It became easy to want to help them out.

Online pioneer Steve George made a guest appearance to talk about the origins of the treasured *Moments in Time* website.

In addition to raising funds, the students at Colegio Guadalupe needed computers. Ray Williams and friends updated and fixed up four computers then had them shipped to the Sisters. Carl DeLage had a laptop of his own to contribute. One donor earmarked his \$450 for a new laptop.

From Sister Tere: “May the merciful God continue to be your strength at all times. The word ‘thank you’ really represents a host of emotions such as joy, commitment, generosity, recognition. For our educational community, you are a BLESSING. May God more than reward you for all your generosity, not only economic but also for so much of your own lives that you have given to the poorest.”

Many thanks to all involved, especially Jack Dermody, for his tireless work and creativity in getting this project over the finish line and getting the Sisters the funds they need.



(l-r): Sr. Juana, Sr. Tere, and Sr. Rosy, bound and determined administrators, teachers and inspiring spiritual role models.



Map of the race from San Diego, California to Agua Prieta, Mexico.



The goal was reached at Jack Dermody's house party!